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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

Project No. 2698-100

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING, SOLICITING COMMENTS,
MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Request for a temporary variance from elevation requirements
- b. Project No.: 2698-100
- c. Date Filed: February 22, 2018
- d. Applicant: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
- e. Name of Project: East Fork Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the East Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Jeff Lineberger, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 526 S. Church Street, Mail Stop EC 12Y, Charlotte, NC 28202, (704) 382-5942
- i. FERC Contact: Zeena Aljibury, (202) 502-6065, zeena.aljibury@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: March 27, 2018.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and

contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2698-100.

k. **Description of Request:** Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC requests approval for a temporary variance from normal reservoir elevations to perform maintenance work at the Tennessee Creek, Bear Creek, and Cedar Cliff developments of the project. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC had proposed on October 27, 2017 to begin drawdowns and refills between February and August 2018. However, based on additional consultation with local stakeholders, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC decided to defer these drawdowns until after the primary recreation season. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC proposes to begin the drawdowns starting at Bear Creek Lake, then Cedar Cliff Lake, and then Tanasee Creek and Wolf Creek Lakes, respectively. Drawdowns and refills would now begin from September 3, 2018, and continue through December 2018, therefore this is a revised public notice for the temporary variance. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC will need to close some of its recreation areas during the drawdown to include Bear Creek Access Area, Cedar Cliff Access Area, and Wolf Creek Access Area due to the lower water levels which render the boat ramps unusable.

l. **Locations of the Application:** A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. **Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:** Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the license surrender. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

DATED: February 27, 2018

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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